



U.S. Citizenship  
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Services

# Advisory

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## **USCIS TO WELCOME MORE THAN 8,000 NEW CITIZENS** *Ceremonies Highlight the American Dream in Action*

LOS ANGELES, CA – Two groups of 4,200 Los Angeles-area lawful permanent residents (green-card holders) from more than 100 countries will take the Oath of Allegiance and become United States citizens during special ceremonies this Friday at the Los Angeles Convention Center. The ceremony will commemorate Citizenship Day. The Los Angeles District Office of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) processes approximately 100,000 applicants for citizenship yearly. Ceremonies are attended by individuals residing in the Greater Los Angeles and Southern California area.

On March 1, 2003, USCIS became one of three legacy Immigration and Naturalization Service components to join the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. USCIS is charged with fundamentally transforming and improving the delivery of immigration and citizenship services, while enhancing our nation's security. During the past year, USCIS has helped more than 640,000 men, women and children fulfill their dreams and become United States citizens.

**EVENT:** Naturalization Ceremonies

**DATE:** September 17, 2004, at 9:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

**LOCATION:** Los Angeles Convention Center  
1201 So. Figueroa Street, Hall "A" – North of Pico Blvd.  
Los Angeles, CA. 90015

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